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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	7-11	YES
	Claims	1-6,12	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-12	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-12	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

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1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP 1096141 (Denso Corporation)

2 NOVELTY - Articles 33(1) and (2) PCT

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document):

A device for recording the cylinder pressure in an internal combustion engine, in particular in a diesel engine, having a sensor (300) and a glow plug (100), which has a housing (200) via which it is preferably mounted inside a cylinder head (1) of the internal combustion engine; the glow plug (100) having at a first end (201) a heating pin (202) that projects at least partially into a combustion chamber (1a) of the internal combustion engine when the glow plug (100) is installed, and in which the heating pin (202) is affixed inside the glow plug (100) using a fixation member (K1), the sensor (300) being situated between the fixation member (K1) and the second end (204a) of the glow plug (100).

Therefore, the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel.

The subject matter of Claim 2 is known from document D1, the sensor (300) being separated from the heating pin (202) and affixed inside the glow plug (100) by a fixation element (209, 210).

The subject matter of the Claims 3 - 6, 12 is known from the document D1 (cf. Figure 3 and paragraphs 35, 40).

The subject matter of Claims 2-6, 12 is therefore not novel either.

3 INVENTIVE STEP - Articles 33(1) and (3) PCT

Dependent claims 7-11 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, satisfies the requirements of the PCT with regard to inventive step. The reasons are as follows:

The use of a spacer member, in particular an intermediate sleeve, for transmitting an axial force is generally known. Therefore, dependent Claims 7 -11 have as their subject matter only minor structural changes of the device according to Claim 1, which lie within the framework of that which one skilled in the art does habitually because of considerations with which he is familiar, particularly because the advantages achieved thereby may be envisaged without difficulty.